

High-Low Books

Halo [Trilogy]

by Alexandra Adornetto (YA Adornetto)

When three angels are sent to Earth to do good, Bethany, the youngest and least experienced, finds herself attracted to a human boy, and the others fear she will not be strong enough to fight evil unless the power of love can help her. (Grades 7+)

Enclave [Series]

by Ann Aguirre (YA Aguirre)

Razorland Series. In a post-apocalyptic future, fifteen-year-old Deuce, a loyal Huntress, brings back meat while avoiding the Freaks outside her enclave, but when she is partnered with the mysterious outsider, Fade, she begins to see that the strict ways of the elders maybe wrong--and dangerous. (Grades 8-10)

Ship Breaker [Has a Sequel]

by Paolo Bacigalupi (YA Bacigalupi)

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. (Grades 7+)

Ashes [Trilogy]

by Ilisa J. Bick (YA Bick)

Alex, a resourceful seventeen-year-old running from her incurable brain tumor, Tom, who has left the war in Afghanistan, and Ellie, an angry eight-year-old, join forces after an electromagnetic pulse sweeps through the sky and kills most of the world's population, turning some of those who remain into zombies and giving the others superhuman senses. (Grades 10+)

The Poison Eaters

by Holly Black (YA Black)

A collection of short stories includes two dark tales set in the world of Tithe, a tour of a fairy market, and the story of a girl who challenges the devil to a competitive eating match. (Grades 9+)

Anna Dressed in Blood [Has a Sequel]

by Kendare Blake (YA Blake)

For three years, seventeen-year-old Cas Lowood has carried on his father's work of dispatching the murderous dead, traveling with his kitchen-witch mother and their spirit-sniffing cat, but everything changes when he meets Anna, a girl unlike any ghost he has faced before. (Grades 10+)

Beauty Queens

by Libba Bray (YA Bray)

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition. (Grades 8+)

Crow Girl

by Kate Cann (YA Cann)

Outsider Lily Stanfield is bullied by the other children at school, but when she meets the crows in the Wakeless Woods, she gains the courage to live by her own rules. (Grades 7-9)

Shelter [Series]

by Harlan Coben (YA Coben)

Mickey Bolitar Series. After tragic events tear Mickey Bolitar away from his parents, he is forced to live with his estranged Uncle Myron and switch high schools, where he finds both friends and enemies, but when his new girlfriend, Ashley, vanishes, he follows her trail into a seedy underworld that reveals she is not what she seems to be. (Grades 9+)

Matched [Trilogy]

by Ally Condie (YA Condie)

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her, so when Xander appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate--until Ky Markham's face appears for an instant before the screen fades to black. (Grades 7+)

Tempest [Trilogy]

by Julie Cross (YA Cross)

After his girlfriend Holly is fatally shot during a violent struggle, nineteen-year-old Jackson uses his supernatural abilities and travels back in time two years, where he falls in love with Holly all over again, learns that his father is a spy, and discovers powerful enemies of time who will stop at nothing to recruit him for their own purposes. (Grades 8+)

Wither [Trilogy]

by Lauren DeStefano (YA DeStefano)

Chemical Garden Trilogy. After modern science turns every human into a genetic time bomb with men dying at age twenty-five and women dying at age twenty, girls are kidnapped and married off in order to repopulate the world. (Grades 9+)

What Happened to Goodbye?

by Sarah Dessen (YA Dessen)

Following her parents' bitter divorce as she and her father move from town to town, seventeen-year-old Mclean reinvents herself at each school she attends until she is no longer sure she knows who she is or where she belongs. (Grades 7+)

Incarceron [Has a Sequel]

by Catherine Fisher (YA Fisher)

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape. (Grades 7+)

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Scarlet

by A. C. Gaughen (YA Gaughen)

Will Scarlet shadows Robin Hood, with an unerring eye for finding treasures to steal and throwing daggers with deadly accuracy, but when Gisbourne, a ruthless bounty hunter, is hired by the sheriff to capture Robin and his band of thieves, Robin must become Will's protector risking his own life in the process. (Grades 8-10)

XVI

by Julia Karr (YA Karr)

Preparing to receive a government-mandated tattoo declaring her sexual readiness to the public at sixteen, Nina is shattered by a brutal attack on her mother, who before dying reveals to Nina a shocking truth about her past. (Grades 9+)

Legend [Series]

by Marie Lu (YA Lu)

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy. (Grades 8+)

Bliss

by Lauren Myracle (YA Myracle)

Having grown up in a California commune, Bliss sees her aloof grandmother's Atlanta world as a foreign country, but she is determined to be nice as a freshman at an elite high school, which makes her the perfect target for Sandy, a girl obsessed with the occult. (Grades 9+)

Dead is the New Black [Series]

by Marlene Perez (YA Perez)

Dead Is... Series. While dealing with her first boyfriend and suddenly being pressed into service as a substitute cheerleader, seventeen-year-old Daisy Giordano, daughter and sister of psychics but herself a "normal," attempts to help her mother discover who is behind a series of bizarre attacks on teenage girls in their little town of Nightshade, California. (Grades 7+)

Virals [Series]

by Kathy Reichs (YA Reichs)

Tory Brennan is the leader of a band of teenage 'sci-philes' who live on an island off the coast of South Carolina and when the group rescues a dog caged for medical testing, they are exposed to an experimental strain of canine parvovirus that changes their lives forever. (Grades 6-10)

Across the Universe [Trilogy]

by Beth Revis (YA Revis)

Teenaged Amy, a cryogenically frozen passenger on the spaceship Godspeed, wakes up to discover that someone may have tried to murder her. (Grades 10+)

Divergent [Trilogy]

by Veronica Roth (YA Roth)

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all. (Grades 9+)

Between Shades of Gray

by Ruta Sepetys

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family. (Grades 8+)

Zom-B [Series]

by Darren Shan (YA Shan)

B wonders about a zombie outbreak in Ireland and finds himself struggling for survival while forging precarious alliances in the serpentine corridors of his high school. (Grades 7+)

Unwind [Trilogy]

by Neal Shusterman (YA Shusterman)

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives. (Grades 9+)

Response

by Paul Volponi (YA Volponi)

When an African American high school student is beaten with a baseball bat in a white neighborhood, three boys are charged with a hate crime. (Grades 6-10)

How to Save a Life

by Sara Zarr (YA Zarr)

Told from their own viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Jill, in grief over the loss of her father, and Mandy, nearly nineteen, are thrown together when Jill's mother agrees to adopt Mandy's unborn child but nothing turns out as they had anticipated. (Grades 8+)

All These Things I've Done [Series]

by Gabrielle Zevin (YA Zevin)

Birthingright Series. In a dystopian future where chocolate and caffeine are contraband, teenage cellphone use is illegal, and water and paper are carefully rationed, sixteen-year-old Anya Balanchine finds herself thrust unwillingly into the spotlight as heir apparent to an important New York City crime family. (Grades 8+)